



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 37 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 36 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 51.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 74.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 76.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 90.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Light precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the northwest part of the State with an average of 0.53 inch.

Crop progress for week ending October 13, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, open bolls	100	97	100	100
Cotton, harvested	72	51	63	72
Rice, harvested	99	97	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	96	99	98
Soybeans, mature	95	90	95	96
Soybeans, harvested	89	80	85	90
Sugarcane, planted	99	98	94	98
Sugarcane, harvested	18	9	17	14
Sweet potatoes, harvested	65	48	54	65
Winter wheat, planted	11	3	0	2

Crop condition for week ending October 13, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	8	37	50	4
Pasture	2	16	46	33	3
Sugarcane	1	5	36	48	10
Sweet potatoes	0	7	30	60	3
Vegetables	0	21	38	39	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The soybean harvest came to an end with lower than average yields in many areas, but drought prone soils offered better yields due to the added soil moisture during the growing season. Mixed yields were reported on sugarcane but harvest is off to a good start with good field conditions. On the livestock side, producers had an abundant amount of hay and rains last week will provide adequate moisture for winter pastures to emerge for winter grazing. Crawfish producers flooded ponds.”

–Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Dry conditions allowed for efficient sugarcane harvest and fieldwork. Some moisture was needed for recently planted ryegrass. Marketing of spring calves is winding down with few producers holding calves for a better market.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Sugarcane harvest now in full swing, and the majority of sugarcane planting was completed. Growers wrapped up soybean and cotton harvest. Pecan production appeared to be up from recent years, but only time will tell as pickers started in orchards across the parish.”

–Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Growers experienced good harvesting conditions for most of last week. Toward the weekend a cool front dropped temperatures and brought scattered showers. Most fields needed some moisture to settle dust and to alleviate very dry conditions. Cattle producers continued to market calves and ryegrass planting was in full swing. Hay harvest was winding down. Crawfish producers continued to flood fields. Fall vegetable planting continued.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Dry weather last week allowed the remaining soybean fields to be harvested. Yields varied with some fields reporting increases. Ratoon rice was ripening and will begin to be harvested next week. Crawfish ponds were being flooded for the upcoming crawfish season. Some ryegrass planted in pastures needed moisture to encourage germination.”

–Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending October 13, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	81.7	55.1	68.4	66.3	2.1	0.74	3	-0.33	3.59	-0.11
Mooringsport	78.6	54.0	66.3	66.9	-0.6	1.01	5	-0.01	3.93	0.06
Red River	86.8	65.2	76.0	67.7	8.0	0.11	3	-0.56	2.77	-0.40
Shreveport	80.3	55.1	67.7	67.1	0.6	0.27	4	-0.74	1.83	-2.22
Extreme/Average	81.9	57.3	69.6	67.0	2.5	0.53	5	-0.41	3.03	-0.67
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	76.2	51.7	63.9	65.1	-1.2	0.25	4	-0.74	0.85	-2.97
Extreme/Average	76.2	51.7	63.9	65.9	-1.2	0.25	4	-0.74	0.85	-2.97
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	84.3	60.7	72.5	68.7	3.1	0.12	1	-0.27	0.28	-2.16
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	84.3	60.7	72.5	68.0	3.1	0.12	1	-0.27	0.28	-2.16
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	84.3	57.7	71.0	67.8	3.2	0.32	2	-0.63	1.52	-2.45
Natchitoches	82.3	59.1	70.7	68.3	2.4	0.31	3	-0.64	1.52	-1.92
Extreme/Average	83.3	58.4	70.9	68.0	2.8	0.32	3	-0.64	1.52	-2.19
Central										
Alexandria	83.6	61.9	72.7	69.8	2.9	0.22	1	-0.83	1.03	-2.72
Bunkie	83.8	62.0	72.9	69.3	3.5	0.00	0	-0.89	2.31	-1.44
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	81.4	60.1	70.8	69.4	1.4	0.05	1	-0.99	0.55	-2.86
New Roads	83.4	63.6	73.5	70.8	2.7	0.63	1	-0.32	5.74	2.08
Extreme/Average	83.0	61.9	72.5	70.1	2.6	0.23	1	-0.76	2.41	-1.23
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.14	1	(NA)	1.14	(NA)
Slidell	86.2	67.3	76.8	70.8	5.8	0.35	2	-0.36	1.47	-1.76
Extreme/Average	86.2	67.3	76.8	70.2	5.8	0.24	2	-0.36	1.30	-1.76
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.3	(NA)	0.20	1	-0.53	1.60	-2.18
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	69.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	83.9	62.6	73.2	71.2	2.0	0.09	3	-0.91	3.68	-0.75
Oberlin	83.3	60.9	72.1	69.9	2.2	0.09	1	-0.94	1.89	-2.64
Extreme/Average	83.6	61.8	72.6	70.5	2.1	0.13	3	-0.79	2.39	-1.86
South central										
Donaldsonville	85.1	64.7	74.9	70.5	4.4	0.60	3	-0.48	0.97	-3.47
Jeanerette	86.2	65.0	75.6	71.1	4.1	0.00	0	-0.56	2.92	-1.42
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	83.8	66.4	75.1	72.7	2.3	0.27	3	-0.23	2.05	-1.31
Extreme/Average	85.0	65.4	75.2	71.2	3.6	0.29	3	-0.42	1.98	-2.07
Southeast										
Galliano	86.8	73.2	80.0	72.4	7.2	0.08	1	-0.57	0.60	-2.87
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.70	2.41	-1.27
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	90.0	74.2	82.1	73.8	7.9	0.00	0	-0.52	0.00	-3.95
Extreme/Average	88.4	73.7	81.1	73.1	7.5	0.03	1	-0.60	1.00	-2.70
State	83.5	62.1	72.8	69.5	3.2	0.22	2	-0.59	1.67	-1.97

(NA) Not available.
¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
² Departure from normal.